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"The most wonderful time of the year"

There's so many things in life that bring us joy. We have family, friends, hobbies, places to visit, and pets to name a few. But nothing is as wonderful as the anticipation of the birth of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ. This season is filled with hope, love, peace, and a joy that goes beyond any earthly thing. As we prepare our hearts for this new king's birth, let's remember to be thankful for how wonderfully blessed we are. May this be a time of preparation through acknowledging the importance of being in tune with the heartbeat of God. This isn't just any birth but the birth that brings new life and a fresh outlook to life. That baby changes everything. If we're looking for peace, it's found there in the manger. If we lost hope, it can be seen in the baby's eyes. When love seems fading and distant, the cry of the baby boy, echoes his future cry that it is finished, and the world has experienced unconditional love. But the wonder of it all is discovered in a beautiful joy expressed in every way through this Christ child as the journey begins for each of us to see how this new life can change our outlook. Why settle for just any gift? Accept the most precious and eternal gift of Jesus Christ this most wonderful time of the year.

Let's pray.

Lord, it has been a long year filled with so many ups and downs. Around every corner though, we are reminded that you are there. May we sense a newfound joy this Christmas as we turn our hearts to you in full devotion. May we give you the greatest gift of our lives in gratitude for your eternal kingdom. Praise be to you our beloved savior.

Blessings :-)

Pastor Matt Christ



Heather L. Strunk	4	Richard A. Blatt	13	Andrea Showers	22
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Pastor's
Office Hours

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Tue.-Thurs.



Special Notice !!!

The monthly Potluck Meal
is **cancelled** for December

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this month's Newsletter. The deadline for the next edition is the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Open to all. Feel free to share Little Swatara Church related events, thoughts, pictures of past events, articles summarizing past and future events, or anything else.

Email: secretary@littleswatara.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec, 2 - 12:00 noon 50+ club Christmas banquet
- Dec. 3 - First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 5 - 7:00 PM Leadership Team meeting
- Dec. 10– Second Sunday of Advent
9:30 AM Children's Christmas Program
6:00 –8:00 pm Drive-Thru Nativity
- Dec. 12– 11:30 AM Widows Luncheon / Ctry Fare
- Dec. 15– 3:00 PM Bethel Food Pantry
- Dec. 17– Third Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 20– Newsletter Deadline
- Dec. 21– First Day of Winter
- Dec. 24– Fourth Sunday of Advent
7:00 PM Christmas Eve service
- Dec. 25– Christmas Day

Help Wanted



"Do you love Jesus? Do you love working with children? Little Swatara Preschool is looking for volunteers in our classrooms! If interested please contact Sara Bryant at:

sara.bryant@littleswatara.org"



The Gathering Place is in need of volunteers.

Contact Patty Timmins if you can help with this important ministry of Little Swatara to the community of Bethel.



YOUTH GROUP HOSTS NEEDED

Christian Ed is still looking for individuals to help with the youth ministry in the church. Please consider hosting the Youth Group for a month at your home or at the church. We would love to have you provide a devotion for the group! At this time, we are looking forward to the Fall for hosts and helpers. This is another opportunity for you to have a positive impact in the lives of our impressionable, teenage church family members. Christian Ed will help with some of the other planning. We would like to connect the youth with others in the congregation; these relationships are essential!

"It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air."

—W.T. Ellis

Answer: B (See Luke 1:5, 39-41.)



Can you help? Little Swatara is in need of a Cemetery chairperson. Please contact Richard Yenser



Historical Committee

Little Swatara is in need of Historical Committee members! We may be looking forward, but we cannot forget the past. If you love Little Swatara and enjoy history, this group is for you! Responsibilities include collecting and archiving items and information of historical interest related to the church. Please contact Sarah Kolbe, Pat Stupp, Sue Hartranft, Abby Christ, or Sara Bryant if you have any questions or an interest in serving the church in this way.



The next Widows luncheon will be Tuesday, Dec.12th
11:30 a.m.

The Country Fare Restaurant
Myerstown, PA

When Bad Weather Arrives



and a decision is made to cancel Sunday services, the congregation shall be notified immediately. An announcement will be placed on the Little Swatara church website:

<http://www.LittleSwatara.org>

The announcement will also be added to Little Swatara's Facebook page. A message will be sent out to all those on the church's E-mail list.

Information Updates from Little Swatara



Make sure to attend the Children's Christmas program on Sunday, December 10th during the Sunday School hour, beginning at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary.



**Join us at 7:00 PM on Christmas Eve
for our annual Christmas Eve
Program.**



2023 Children's Christmas Outreach

Be sure to check the Sunday bulletin for a revised list of needed items for the Children's Christmas Outreach program to support the Opportunity House in Reading. We are extremely grateful for all that has been received so far!

Children & Youth, Christian Ed has picked out some Advent devotions just for you! They will be distributed in Sunday School just in time for Advent. Make sure to get your copy!

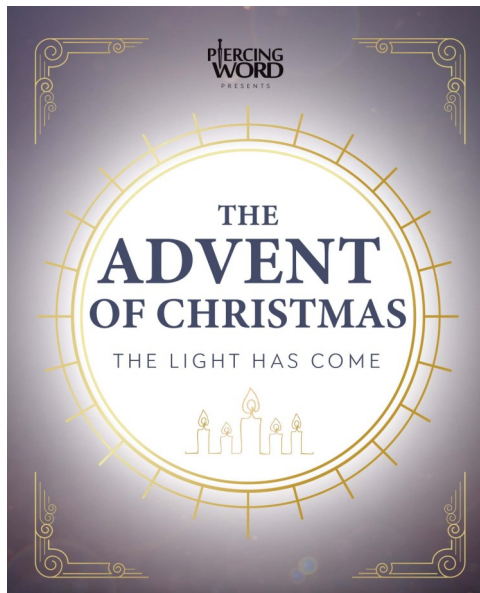


There's a beauty in being a member of a church. It brings an even greater connectedness. It offers a fellowship with other believers that is second to none. It demonstrates your dedication to the body of Christ. Whether you choose to transfer your membership or reaffirm your faith or enter the baptismal waters, please contact Pastor Matt or sign up in the narthex with your contact information. Classes will begin once we identify the attendees and find the best meeting time.



Adults, this Advent Season join members of the Church of the Brethren from all over in reading the denominational devotional. Advent is a season of the church year in which we are reminded that God listens. Pleas and prayers were answered when God arrived among us in Jesus, the name which means God is my help. The daily scripture readings in this devotional offer a glimpse of humanity's desire for change, for a new identity. As you hear the yearning of people in these readings, perhaps you will connect at a very deep and person level. You may be reminded of your desire for renewal, restoration redemption, revival. May you find your new identity in the encounters you have with the One who came to us in the flesh, who lived and loved among us, who resides with us still." - Brethren-Press.com.

The Advent Devotionals are on the table in the Narthex



Piercing Word - Sunday, November 26th

On November 26th we'll kick off the Christmas Season with a return of "Piercing Word" to share at our 10:30 service with a performance of *The Advent of Christmas*. Inspired by the traditional themes of Advent, *The Advent of Christmas* celebrates the Hope, Faith, Joy, Peace, and Love found in Christ. This production includes the traditional Christmas narrative from Luke, chapters one and two, and other passages that highlight the birth of Christ and why His arrival matters. Piercing Word performs Scripture in dramatic and musical presentations, word-for-word from the ESV Bible.



Join us as we celebrate the wonder of Christmas Advent Season.

This advent season, we celebrate the wonder of Christmas! We'll be focusing on the joy of the wise men's journey, the peace found in the Good Shepherd, the hope promised in the prophecies of Jesus' birth, the love of God revealed in Gabriel's message to Mary, and the messy place where Jesus first entered our world. Invite your family and friends to join us as we marvel at the wonder of our Savior's birth!



Join us for our 2nd Sunday program for December - which will be a Drive Through Nativity in the north driveway circle. We'll be meeting around 4pm to set up, 5pm for actors and participants, and we'll do the nativity from 6-8pm. We will have shepherds, angels, wise men, census takers, and of course Mary and Joseph. Come out and participate or just come by and watch. Spread the word to your friend and neighbors. If you can help, please sign up on the list in the Narthex.

2023 Christmas Greetings for Stockings

Stockings are placed in the narthex for home-bound persons, group home residents, and those in assisted living / elderly homes. Our goal is to fill them with Christmas cards thus giving some cheer to the recipients who cannot attend church for various reasons. Cards may be placed in stockings from **Sunday, November 12th to Sunday, December 10th**. Cards and a small gift will be taken to shut-ins during the Christmas Season.



MARY BASHORE	JOHN KELLY
DOROTHY LUTZ	RANDY KEENEY
VERA GROSS	LAURETTA WABORN
ANNETTA KEENEY	DARRELL YOUNKER
THELMA KEENEY	PAUL SWEIGART
MAE ZIMMERMAN	MARTIN BASHORE
RICHARD & ARLENE DUNDORE	
NOLAN & DORIS KEENEY	
PASTOR MATT, DENISE & FAMILY	

Any questions or additions please contact:
Dianne High or Sharon Dosch

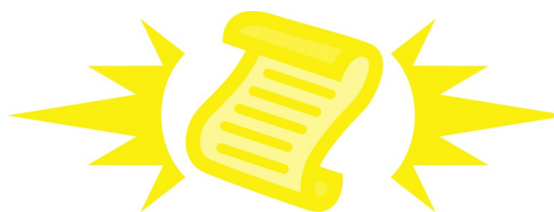


"I'm a sheep again?! What about a reindeer?"



December Mission of the Month Family Assistance

Supporting local families during their time of need



Sunshine Box

A special box has been placed in the Prayer Room in the rear of the sanctuary. All are welcome to remove a "Bible Verse Scroll" when dealing with negative feels such as hopelessness, anxiety, distress or despair. Keep the scroll with you to be a constant and encouraging reminder that God is with you always.

Bible Quiz

Elizabeth, an older relative of Mary the mother of Jesus, was miraculously pregnant at the same time as Mary. What was the name of Elizabeth's husband?

- A. Aaron
- B. Zechariah
- C. Joseph
- D. Simeon



See page 3 for answer

November Every Member Council Meeting

Our November Every Member Council meeting took place November 13th in the main sanctuary, and was presided over by Moderator John High, and Asst. Moderator Todd Rebman. Reports included a financial report, Pastor Matt's quarterly report, and reports from each ministry team.

Pastor Matt noted that he is recovering well from his surgery and feels more attentive and more energetic. He also noted that attendance in the new "Off the Hook" service varies from 8 to 25 persons. There is a new membership class that will be starting soon. He has been working on a full year long devotion. He also recently wrote an article for the Messenger, and has been doing visitation and continuing education, in addition to sermon preparation.

The Gathering Place reported they are doing well financially and have two new people willing to help, but that they always need more volunteers. The Gymnasium committee reported that they need to work on some specifications and requirements before they can even begin getting ballpark construction estimates. 3 Deacons were reaffirmed for an additional five-year term, and a call was placed for 2 additional open positions.

One major piece of business was discussion on repairing the carport roof and replacing our aging lawn mower. The roof was damaged by high winds. Although insurance would replace shingles, we are looking at replacing the roof with standing seam to match the rest of the building. Stewards are also recommending replacing our 30-year-old lawn mower. The motion to upgrade the roof and replace the mower was carried unanimously.

The council also heard a concern about installing new playground equipment, which would be safer, more durable and would attract younger children. Leadership determined that the best route would be to purchase commercial grade equipment, to limit liability and durability. The cost will be somewhere between \$16,000 and \$25,000 depending on the site work needed, and playground set purchased. The motion was passed to begin a special fund to pay for this work, and to look at additional fundraisers.

The 2024 budget was passed at a total of \$340,150. Some people have pointed out that our use of the term "budget" is not actually correct, and that the document is more of a "spending plan" but no move to change the name was made. The budget included salary increases for most of our employees. There is some concern that we have not met our budget in some years.

The next Every Member Council meeting is February 13th, at 7pm. You are invited to come and participate in the business and policy making process of our congregation.

Reflections

by Richard E. Frantz

Is it possible to experience the same things year after year at the same seasons? An old saying says: "The more things change, the more they stay the same." Is that true at Little Swatara during the celebration of the Christmas festivities?

If you are an "old timer" here, you might say, "No, everything has changed." There was a time when every pew was filled on Christmas Eve, plus many chairs were set up at the back of the sanctuary. I was reminded by a fellow choir member that when we began our Christmas Eve services, many churches did not have a service. Today that has changed. Worshippers have more options for attending a Christmas Eve Service in various community churches.

There was a time we had several children and youth choirs. They started with the Cherub choir, followed by the Junior Choir and the oldest one was the Youth Choir. As time moved along, we had the Jubilee and the Joy choirs. Today we have one, the Jubilee Choir. And boy, can they sing! Look around and notice how many children the average family at Little Swatara has. Two generations ago, we had as many as four and five progeny per household. Today our numbers are one, two, or three per family.

A bell choir was a part of the celebration. First, one of our member families bought and donated a set of bells. Then that same family bought another set of bells to add an octave and give us a fuller sound. The bell table extended across half of the front of the sanctuary. In order to have a bell choir today, each ringer would need to ring multiple bells. The Music and Worship Ministry Team has discussed having a bell choir this Christmas.

Over the years, a brass band accompanied congregational singing.

One cold, snowy, blustery Christmas Eve, the Faithful Men quartet positioned themselves outside the entrance doors and serenaded worshippers as they arrived.

Regularly, a few people have brought paper bags, sand, and candles and made luminaria to set along the paths to light people's way to the entrances. This proved quite helpful for those who were not acquainted with the sidewalks.

Again this year, we will experience a live creche on an evening prior to Christmas.

Our Christmas Eve Celebration will have the same elements as in the past. Possibly the most noticeable change is in the number of participants. And yes, the more things change, the more they stay the same.



Offering Envelopes have arrived. Please let Jean Myers (mailbox #113) know if you no longer wish to receive offering envelopes **or** if you would like to begin using envelopes in 2024. There is nothing to do if you are currently using envelopes and wish to continue. In order to receive an end of the year statement, you must use offering envelopes.

How well do you know....

Fern Phillipy and the Late R. Curtis Phillipy



A young girl, 17 years old, stood looking out the bay window of her family home in Shubert, while listening to music. As she looked toward the mountain near Newmanstown, God spoke to her saying that her future husband would come from that area. She said, "The voice was as plain as the nose on your face." Two weeks later, she and her sister, Betty, and a girlfriend went to Bashore's Dixie in Bethel, which was a place where their friends gathered. That night, another group of young people were there. Among them was a young man named Curtis Phillipy. The next Saturday evening a car came very slowly down the road. It was Curtis.

Betty went out to talk to him, but he said he was there to see Fern. They ended up on their first date to a movie, in Newmanstown, "Annie Get Your Gun." That was the beginning of

70 plus years together. They were married in the Richland Church of the Brethren, where Curtis was a member, on August 2, 1952. After marriage, they lived on the Phillipy farm where Fern helped with cooking, canning, and gardening.

Fern was born December 27, 1933, in the family home at Mt. Aetna Mill. She was the third child of Augustus Edris and Marie Reber. She had 11 siblings, Anna Mae (deceased), Betty (deceased), Janis, Eugene (deceased), Phyllis, Carol, Dorothy, Gary (deceased), Donna, Susan (deceased) and Terry. Fern and Curtis were married and had their first child by the time Terry as born. Her Father was a carpenter, building houses and barns. Fern's childhood was spent helping with the younger siblings, playing softball with the neighborhood children, and playing with her dolls for which her mother made dresses. She was older when she had her first bicycle. As a child, Fern learned to sing "Jesus Loves Me" in Chinese from her mother's cousin who was a missionary. She still recalls the Chinese words and can sing the song. Not uncommon at the time, between the ages of 13 and 16, Fern was hired out to another family. For 1 year, she worked in Centerport for a pastor and his wife. Another 2 years were spent with a family in Mohrsville where she took care of 2 children while their mother went to school and worked as a teacher. She was able to come home every other weekend for a few hours. For another year, she took care of 2 children and did housework for a family in Leesport.

Fern attended all 12 grades at the school in Bethel, graduating in 1951. The school bus hauled shirt factory workers in Frystown before picking up the children for school. After graduating, Fern worked in the shirt factory until she was married.

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How Well Do You Know continued....

R. Curtis was born December 5, 1929, at home in Richland to Rufus Phillipy and Emma Frantz. He passed away from this life February 18, 2023. There were 5 siblings, Peter (deceased), Orpha, Fern, Leah (deceased), and Dorothy (deceased). Curtis attended Millbach School, graduating in 1947.

Fern describes Curtis as "a very special person and a good farmer." They had 4 children, Barbara (deceased), JoAnne, Sandra, and Fred, and 7 grandchildren. Since attending a Women's Fellowship class in card making, Fern has made Christmas cards for the great grandchildren. When Barbara was 1 year old, Curtis was drafted into the army for 2 years. Following his basic training in SC he was stationed in San Antonio, Texas. Fern's father drove her and Barbara to Texas where they lived for a year before returning to the Phillipy farm where they spent 20 years. They bought a farm along Bernville Road where they did extension repairs, rebuilding from scratch. They built a pig farm, adding chickens and a big garden. Fern joined Farm Women while Curtis was part of the Young Farmers. Fern learned to cane chairs and took up painting in 1983. She has beautiful oil paintings framed and hanging throughout her home. After 20 years on the farm, Curtis and Fern built the house across from the church where they resided for 30 plus years. Retiring in 1992, Curtis kept busy tinkering in his workshop. He would design and make many tools to make chores easier. This writer is fortunate to have one of his "walking sticks" made from a broom handle. Whenever I was trimming the shrubs at the Memorial Garden, he would suddenly show up with his truck and whatever equipment was needed to help.

Fern had been baptized in Bashore's pond on June 2, 1945. Both she and Curtis joined Little Swatara by Transfer of Letter April 13, 1975. She was very modest when asked about all their church activities. She was on the committee to make the cookbook in 1977 for the Women's Fellowship. Thousands of comforters were knotted under her leadership with Curtis setting up and taking apart the frame. Patches were cut and sewn in her home. Many comforters were knotted on her dining room table. Both assembled sandwiches for the numerous sales the women held. Fern made scrapbooks for persons who were sick and/or hospitalized. In 1994 both went for training in Reading to get the Food Pantry started. Curtis reinforced the boxes with cardboard and cut handles to make it easier for the volunteers to pack and handle. They served there for almost 29 years. Both served on the Accessibility Building Committee where Fern was chairperson and cut the ribbon in 2007. She served on a committee to furnish the newly remodeled office for Pastor Jeff and the then secretary, Kathryn Ziegler. Both served as deacons. Always keeping an eye on the church, many trips were made across the highway to let people into the church or take packages inside.

You will find Fern worshipping with us every Sunday morning. Little Swatara will forever be grateful for the many ways Fern and Curtis served Christ and the church.



Little Swatara Preschool

December 2023



Dear Little Swatara Preschool Family and Friends,

Welcome to wonderful December! This is one of my favorite months of the year to spend at preschool! The children (and staff) are filled with excitement as they anticipate the Christmas season and all of the joy these next few weeks will bring. It's such a beautiful, holy time of year as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birthday of our Savior. "For a child has been born for us; a son has been given to us. And the dominion will be on his shoulder, and his name is called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6) What a blessing it is for us to have the opportunity to share this amazing message with all of the children here at preschool.

This month, our crafts, songs, and stories will focus on the greatest gift God has ever given - Jesus! We will have classroom Christmas parties as well as a special Student/Parent celebration. Please be sure to watch for lots of fun items and information coming home in your child's backpack over the next few weeks. As always, feel free to reach out at anytime if you have questions or concerns.

Have a Blessed Christmas Season!

In His Love,

Miss Sara



Christmas Celebrations

Each class will have their own Christmas celebration on either Thursday, December 21st or Friday, December 22nd. There will be activities, games, and food. Please watch for a sign up sheet if you would like to contribute to your child's classroom.

We will also be having a Student/Parent celebration. You are invited to join us for our "Cookies and Carols." Invitations will be coming home in your child's backpack with more information. Please use the sign up sheet in the class hallway to inform us if you're able to attend. We hope you can come and enjoy this special time with our Preschool family.



"Joy to the World! The Lord is come. Let earth receive her king. Let every heart prepare him room."

Christmas Gifts

Preschool families have asked for gift ideas for classrooms. Some suggestions are tissues, glue sticks, dramatic play items, Clorox wipes, wet wipes, and Bible story puzzles.

We do not have an organized gift exchange with the children. If your child wishes to give a gift to a special friend from their class, please do so outside of class so children that are not involved will not feel left out. Thank you!





Inclement Weather Information



In case of inclement weather, we will follow these guidelines as outlined in the LSP Student Handbook. Preschool closings will follow the Tulpehocken School District's policy for closing school due to bad weather.

If Tulpehocken schools are:

-CLOSED due to bad weather, we will be closed.

- DELAYED due to bad weather, we will run on a modified session. The morning sessions will run from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The afternoon sessions will run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

- THREE hour delay, we will be closed.

Little Swatara Preschool will try to post inclement weather notices on our LSP Facebook page.



You are invited to attend Christmas Worship Services at Little Swatara Church each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. or watch the live stream through the Little Swatara Church Facebook page. There is also a link to view services at LittleSwatara.org. All are welcome! A few of the special services happening at church in December are:

December 10th (9:30-10:30) Children's Christmas Program

December 10th (6-8) Drive Thru Live Nativity

December 24th - Christmas Eve Program 7 pm



Christmas Service Projects

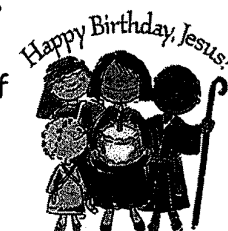


This Christmas season, students will be given the opportunity to participate in two service projects at LSP.

Food Drive: Each class is collecting canned goods and nonperishable items for the Bethel Tulpehocken Food Pantry. The items will be distributed to local families in need of assistance. LSP children will place their donations under the Christmas trees in their classrooms. (Please note expiration dates.)

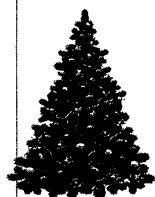
Opportunity House: We will collect travel size shampoo & conditioner and cough drops for Reading's Opportunity House. This is a nonprofit organization that works with people that are homeless and/or in a crisis situation. Donated items should be placed in the collection box located in the church narthex (upstairs.)

We encourage students to contribute to one or both of the organizations as a way to experience the thoughtfulness of giving to others without receiving. Encourage your preschooler to choose an item or two to give to others in need. Thank you for participating in this act of kindness during this season of giving.



Silent Night, Holy Night, All is calm, All is bright...









From all of the staff, board members, and volunteers at Little Swatara Preschool, we want to wish you and your loved ones a joyous Christmas season. As Advent is upon us, we are gifting each student a special Advent activity book. A Christmas tree can point our eyes to the Savior just as its shape points to Heaven above. The sparkling lights remind us of the sparkling skies over Bethlehem. The shiny decorations remind us of the precious gifts the wise men carried. Each day of December, add a sticker ornament to the advent Christmas tree centerpiece, read the Bible verse for the day, and sing a Christmas song. As December 25th approaches, see how the Christmas tree points the way to God's gift of grace given through our heavenly Savior.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Little Swatara Church of the Brethren

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>26</p> <p>8:30am Off the Hook Service/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>10:30am "The Advent of Christmas" by Piercing Word</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Ministry Team Minutes Due</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:45am FH / Women's Exercise Class</p> <p>10:00am FH / Seated Exercise Class</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:30am Quilting</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00am 50+ club mtg/Christmas banquet / FH & kitchen</p>
<p>3</p>  <p>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>8:30am Off the Hook Service/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>9:00am Bashore Christmas dinner / FH & K</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>7:00pm LEADERSHIP TEAM Mtg</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:45am FH / Women's Exercise Class</p> <p>10:00am FH / Seated Exercise Class</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:30am Quilting</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00am childrens Christmas practice / FH & Sanct.</p>
<p>10</p>  <p>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>Food pantry collection</p> <p>8:30am Off the Hook Service/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>9:30am Children's Christmas program</p> <p>6:00pm Drive-Thru Nativity - LSCOB</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11:30am Widows Luncheon/Ctry Fare</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:45am FH / Women's Exercise Class</p> <p>10:00am FH / Seated Exercise Class</p>	<p>14</p> <p>8:30am Quilting</p> <p>9:30am Packing food bags for Bethel Food Pantry / Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bethel</p> <p>10:30am preschool families event / FH</p> <p>2:00pm preschool family event / FH</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>8:00am Feed Them / Kitchen</p> <p>3:00pm Bethel Food Pantry</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Trim Healthy Mommas class / Preschool office area</p>
<p>17</p>  <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>Res FH & Kitchen/Gary Bashore</p> <p>8:30am Off the Hook Service/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>12:30pm Youth Group / FH</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:30am preschool families event / FH</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:30am preschool families event / FH</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Newsletter Deadline</p> <p>8:45am FH / Women's Exercise Class</p> <p>10:00am FH / Seated Exercise Class</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>8:30am Quilting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11:00am Concrete Const. Systems / FH & K</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast / Cafe</p> <p>11:00am John High / FH & kitchen</p> <p>4:00pm W. Lingle / FH & K</p>
<p>24</p>  <p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>8:30am Off the Hook Service/Fellowship Hall</p> <p>7:00pm Christmas Eve Service 7:00 PM</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>CHRISTMAS DAY</p> <p>FH/K Res ANNUALLY/S.Bashore</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Ministry Team Minutes Due</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p> <p>8:30am Off the Hook Service/Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>New Year's Day</p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:00pm LEADERSHIP TEAM Mtg</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:45am FH / Women's Exercise Class</p> <p>10:00am FH / Seated Exercise Class</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:30am Quilting</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1:00pm 50+ club mtg/FH</p>